(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far to fulfil those demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) to (c) A letter dated 25th November, 1985 signed by 11 Members of Parliament was received regarding enhancement of Namrup Allowance and payment of wages to ihe employees of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation for the period of their absence during Assam agitation.

The quantum of Namrup Allowance was agreed to in July, 1977 with the stipulation that it would not be subject to revision in future. In view of this position, it has not been possible so far to revise the rates of Namrup Allowance.

With regard to the regularisation of absence of the empoyees during Assam agitation, the Government have laid down guidelines, according to which absence is to be regulated by grant of leave of the kind due and admissible to them. The Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation has been advised to take action accordingly.

Snle of Defectives by Sail

48. DR. R. K. PODDAR : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of sale of 'defectives' by the Steel Authority of India Ltd., to private sector zone-wise, details for the last three years;

(b) whether the percentage in creased during the last three years, if so, what are the reasons for such an increase;

(c) whether Government propose to re\ iew the policy of sale of 'defec tives' by the SAIL to private sector and gradually decrease the per centage of sale to that sector; and

(d) if so, by when and ?f not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) No zone-wise data are maintained by SAIL regarding sale of defectives to the private sector. However, the percentage sale of defectives over total sales of steel during the last three years has been as follows:—

Year	Pe centage of sale of defectives to the private sector over total sales
1983–84	3.6
1984–85	3.7
1985–86 [April–November 85]	3.0

(b) The percentage increased marginally during 1984-85 due to somewhat slower lifting of steel by identified actual users.

(c) and (d) It is not possible to lay down guidelines for allocation of defectives to actual users since the nature of defects varies widely from lot to lot.

Increase in Fertilisers Prices

49. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of fertiliser have been increased recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;

(c) the number of timas the prices of fertilizers have been raised by Government during the last five years and at what rate each time;

(d) whether it is a fact that the increase in the prices of fertilisers would adversely affect the use of fertilisers in agriculture resulting in the reduction in the production of foodgrains; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the last five years, the fertiliser prices were revised with effect from 11-7-1981, 29-6-1983 and 31-1-1986. A statement showing the fertiliser prices as prevailed from July 1981 is enclosed *(see below).* The fertiliser prices were raised from 31-1-1986 to contain subsidy within reasonable limits.

(d) No, Sir. The support price for agricultural commodities will be fixed by Government taking into account the higher cost of fertilisers.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

(Fig. in Rs./tonne)

Sl.No.	Name of fertiliser	Price from 11-7-81	Price from 29-6-83	Price from 31-1-86
1	2	3	4	5
*1	Urea (46%N)	2350	2150	2350
2	Ammonium Sulphate (21%N)	..	1500*	1650
3	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (25%N)	..	1550*	1700
4	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (26%N)	1614	1615@	1770
5	Muriate of Potash (60% K)	1300	1200	1300
6	Sulphate of Potash (50% K)	2100	1950	2100
7	Di-amm. Phosphate (18-46-0)	3600	3350	3600
8	NPK (17-17-17)	2600	2400	2600
9	NPK (15-15-15)	2100	1950	2100
10	NPK (19-19-19)	2950	2750	2950
11	Ammonium Phosphate Sulphate (20-20-0)	2600	2400	2600
12	Nitro-Phosphate (20-20-0)	2400	2200	2400
13	Ammonium Phosphate Sulphate (16-20-0)	2300	2150	2300
14	Urea Ammonium Phos (24-24-0)	3050	2800	3050
15	Urea Ammonium Phos (28-28-0)	3600	3350	3600
16	NPK (14-28-14)	3050	2800	3050
17	NPK (10-26-26)	2950	2750	2950
18	NPK (14-35-14)	3400	3150	3400
19	NPK (12-32-16)	3250,	3000	3250
20	Triple Super Phos (46%P) (Granular)	2600	2400	2600
21	Triple Super Phos (Powder)	2400	2200	2400
22	Ammonium Chloride	..	1550@@	1700

1	2	3	4	5
23	Single Super Phosphate (14% P2P5 Powder)	820**	750	820
24	Single Super Phosphate (16%P205 Powder)	940**	850	950
25	Single Super Phosphate (16% P2 05 Granulated)	1070**	1000	1100
26	Anhydrous Ammonia	3770	3500	3770

* Brought under statutory price control w.e.f. 21-8-84.

@ Prices effective from 9.7.84.

** Brought under statutory price control w.e.f. 13-5-82.

@@ Brought under statutory price control w.e.f. 19-4-85.

NOTE: The above prices represent the maximum retail prices, exclusive of sales tax and other local taxes.

Setting up of Regional Centre of Indian Veterinary Research Institute at Calcutta

50. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the revised proposal from the Government of West Bengal for setting up Regional Research Station of the Indian Veterinary Research Institute for eastern Region at Calcutta;

(b) whether the West Bengal Government has agreed to provide 1.50 acres of land in the Institute of Bengal Refining College Campus at Calcutta for the purpose; and

(c) whether Government propose to accept the offer, if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Shri Amritendu Mukherjee, the Minister-in-Charge Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, Government of West Bengal has requested Sardar Buta Singh the Minister for Agriculture, Government of India to re-examine the proposal for establishing a Regional Research Station of the Indian Veterinary Research Institute for the Eastern Region, at Mohanpur, Distt. Nadia with a main centre at the erstwhile Bengal Veterinary College Campus for which they may provide 1.50 acres of land at cost to be decided by the concerned. Department of State Government They have further assured the availability of some vacant rooms at Belgachia Campus with a view to setting up the Regional Station till ICAR complete the constructioa of buildings.

(c) The proposal is under active consideration.

Memorandum Received from Pajclum Banga Paradeshik Krisbak Sabha

51. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH :
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether he received any memorandum dated 20th August, 1985 from the Paschim Banga Pra-deshik Krishak Sabha;

(b) if so, what are the salient points raised in the said memorandum ; and